

AG Bruning: Unused Prescription Drugs to be Collected for Disposal on Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning and the Nebraska State Patrol today announced seven collection sites in Nebraska for the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to be held Saturday, April 26, 2014. The agencies have partnered with the DEA to coordinate collection sites across the state to offer a secure way to dispose of unused or expired prescription medication.

At six national take-back events since May 2011, the Attorney General's Office and partner law enforcement agencies have collected a total of 4,145 lbs. of unwanted drugs in coordination with the DEA. Statewide, 35,381 lbs. have been collected at sites during the national events.

"I'm proud to partner with the Nebraska State Patrol and health facilities across the state to provide a safe and easy way to dispose of potentially dangerous medications," said Bruning. "No one wants to see another life lost to prescription drug abuse."

Unused medication will be collected between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at sites in Lincoln, Fremont, McCook, Columbus, Grand Island, West Point and York.

The Nationwide Take-Back campaign serves the dual purpose of creating awareness of prescription drug misuse and abuse and providing the public an opportunity to surrender their unused, unwanted, or expired pharmaceuticals to law enforcement for proper disposal.

The following locations will host collection sites from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26:

Lincoln

Guardian Angels Homecare 3200 O Street, Suite 6 (North side of 32nd & O St.)

Fremont

Fremont Area Medical Center 450 East 23rd Street

West Point

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St. Francis Memorial Hospital 430 N. Monitor Street Columbus

Columbus Community Hospital 4600 38th Street Lexington

Tri County Hospital 1201 North Erie York

York General Hospital 2222 N. Lincoln Avenue

Grand Island

St. Francis Medical Center 2620 West Faidley

For more information on collection site locations, visit <u>www.nationaltakebackday.com</u>, <u>www.dea.gov</u> or <u>www.ago.ne.gov</u>.